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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee transmittal;
2. Notice of Appeal;
3. Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review;
4. Arguments to Accompany the Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review;
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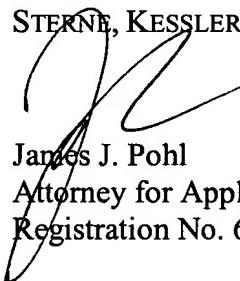
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